

Deaths due to drinking of contaminated water

†1913. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of villages in India which don't have potable water facility so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that various kind of diseases erupt due to use of filthy/contaminated water and as a result thereof thousand of people die every year; and

(c) if so, year-wise and State-wise details of people who died due to waterborne diseases during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per information received from the States as on 1.4.2001, 1.40 per cent of the total rural habitations are not covered with potable water facility, and 11.71 per cent habitations are partially covered. Remaining 86.89 per cent of the total rural habitations are reported by the State Governments to have been fully covered with potable water facility.

(b) and (c) Many diseases are caused by the use of filthy/contaminated water. Information regarding year-wise and State-wise details of people died due to such diseases caused by the use of filthy/contaminated water have not been received.

Panchayat's providing drinking water to villages

1914. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "The water power of the panchayat" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 18th May, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that people's participation in the plan made

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